



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
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Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Dalhousie University's "Port Settlement Fog and Air Quality Study in Iqaluit" Project Proposal, Qikiqtani (South Baffin) Region

Dear John Olyslager and Mosha Cote:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Ministers Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change and Honourable David Joanase Acting Minister Responsible for Nunavut Arctic College for Dalhousie University's "Port Settlement Fog and Air Quality Study in Iqaluit" in the Qikiqtani (South Baffin) Region, dated March 4, 2021.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment, the Board has indicated to the responsible Ministers that **a review of the project is not required** in accordance with s. 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). Accordingly, the NIRB awaits a response from the Ministers.

In the absence of a response from the Ministers, regulatory authorities should take note of s. 75(1)(e) of the *NuPPAA*, which provides: "A regulatory authority is not authorized to issue a licence, permit or other authorization in respect of a project if the responsible Minister has decided either that the project could be modified and an amended project submitted to the Commission or

that it is not to proceed.” Contravention of s. 75(1) of the *NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

Please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4615 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure (1): NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 20YN024 (March 4, 2021)

cc: Rachel Chang, Dalhousie University
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